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## TERMINATION OF PROJECT LCCASSOCK

- 1. Project ICCASSOCK was terminated as of 31 May 1961. It was originally planned to terminate this Project operationally in December 1959. However, because of legal delays and liquidation procedures final field liquidation was not completed until April 1961.
- 2. The material possessions of the Project have been sold at the best prices obtainable under liquidation circumstances and applied to the cost of the Project liquidation. No liquidation or other funds will be required in excess of those already budgeted for Fiscal Year 1960. Funds obligated but not expended at the time of termination amount to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ There are no outstanding commitments to be settled.
- 3. There were eight agents under this Project; all except the three mentioned below were terminated between 1959 and 1960. ICCASSOCK-6 never became a recruited agent; he did not have full operational approval and no direct contact was maintained with him. However, just for the record, he was formally terminated in October 1961. ICCASSOCK-8, as the Project's bookkeeper, was in charge of the liquidation and was terminated in July 1961. ICCASSOCK-2 is still active as C lunder Project CAVIGOR.
- 4. No risk is thought to be inherent in the termination of this Project.
- 5. ICCASSOCK was a publishing company in West Berlin set up for the purpose of producing and covertly distributing propaganda material for East German consumption, providing the East Germans with Western-oriented information and harassing, embarrassing and exposing functionaries and policies of the East German regime. The Project's product was technically and substantively excellent and made a positive contribution to the over-all CA effort against East Germany. Evidences of effectiveness were the readers' reactions to the Project's publications manifested by direct written communications, as well as by contests, polls and opinion gimmicks built into feature items. Furthermore, the East Zone authorities made considerable effort to expose and negate the Project's publications and to harass its personnel, although no serious security incidents occurred. Nevertheless. Headquarters felt that too much money and time were being spent in relation to the Project's effectiveness and general CA value. Some effort was made to reduce the costs of the Project and to utilize its professional capabilities to the fullest, but a budget cut resulted only in an obvious decline in output and effectiveness. Since total or even partial sponsorship by German sources was not forthcoming, it was decided to terminate the Project.